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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ARMS EXPORT POLICY

1. AMBASSADOR WACHTMEISTER CALLED ON LES GELB JUNE 3 TO DISCUSS IMPLICATIONS FOR SWEDEN OF NEW US POLICY ON ARMS EXPORT. HE SAID SWEDEN APPLAUDED THE THRUST OF THIS POLICY, BUT WAS OF COURSE VERY INTERESTED APPLICATION TO SWEDEN, IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF US TECHNOLOGY TO THE SWEDISH ARMS INDUSTRY AND DETERRENT.

2. GELB SAID THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERED SWEDEN A CLOSE FRIEND, HAD A POSITIVE DISPOSITION TOWARDS ITS MILITARY POSITION IN NORTHERN EUROPE, AND WOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS SWEDISH REQUESTS FOR THE TRANSFER OF ARMS OR TECHNOLOGY. AN IMPORTANT GOAL OF OUR NEW POLICY WAS TO DISCOURAGE AUTOMATICITY IN ARMS TRANSFERS OR PRES-
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SURE ON STATES TO DIVERT FUNDS WHICH COULD BE MORE PRODUCTIVELY EMPLOYED IN OTHER SOCIO/ECONOMIC AREAS. THOUGH SWEDEN WAS NOT AMONG THOSE STATES SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED FROM THE APPLICATION OF THE POLICY, AN IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION IN GRANTING WAIVERS WAS WHETHER OR NOT A TRANSFER WOULD ADVANCE US SECURITY INTERESTS. SWEDISH REQUESTS WOULD, AS IN THE PAST, BE CONSIDERED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS WITH DUE

REGARD TO SWEDEN'S NEEDS AND OUR OWN POLICY GOALS.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, GELB STATED THAT THE NEW POLICY APPLIED TO THE TRANSFER OF BOTH ARMS AND TECHNOLOGY; THAT PRODUCTION UNDER LICENSE WAS CONSIDERED A FORM OF CO-PRODUCTION; AND THAT COMMERCIAL SALES WERE ALL THOSE NOT ON A GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT BASIS. HE VOLUNTEERED, AS AN EXAMPLE OF OUR POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS SWEDEN, THAT WE HAD IN PRINCIPLE DECIDED TO APPROVE THE SALE OF VIGGENS TO AUSTRIA, SHOULD THAT TRANSACTION COME TO FRUITION, AND AFTER WE HAD REVIEWED THE SPECIFIC TECHNOLOGY TO BE INCLUDED.

4. FYI. VIGGEN DECISION TAKEN SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, IN RESPONSE TO A HONEYWELL LICENSE REQUEST ON ONE COMPONENT OF AIRCRAFT. WACHTMEISTER COMMENTED AFTER THE MEETING THAT GOS HAD BEEN AWARE OF HONEYWELL'S REQUEST AND US RESPONSE, AND HAD AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE PREFERRED TO LEAVE THE ISSUE IN COMMERCIAL CHANNELS, RATHER THAN RAISING IT AT THE GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL. CHRISTOPHER

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